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Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming two people to the Auxiliary Services Department. **Jennifer Hughes** will be joining the Special Events Department on Monday, July 21 as assistant manager of Special Events. Jennifer was account executive at DonTech, publishers of the Ameritech Yellow Pages for the past four years. She has extensive background in sales and marketing. Jennifer will be responsible for marketing and selling Museum special events. **Jill Mandler** will be joining the museum on Friday, July 18 as merchandise manager. Jill was retail buyer at Lincoln Park Zoo for over five years. Jill will oversee all merchandise purchasing and product development for the Museum stores. Welcome Jill and Jennifer!

- Laura Sadler

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMER INTERN

The Anthropology Department is pleased to welcome intern **Daniel Nolan.** Daniel is an anthropology and psychology student at Northwestern University and is working with Curator **John Terrell** (Anthropology). Daniel is studying the uses of molecular biology to answer questions of anthropological interest under the Health and Human Ecology Project of the New Guinea Research Program. Daniel's work is unique in that it attempts to integrate medical genetics into a more holistic research design so that data collected in the field will also be of use to the indigenous populations. Through linguistic, ethnographic and genetic analysis, it is hoped that complexes of anthropological interest such as trade routes, patterns of migration, and extended lineages will be identified. In addition, through the collection of genealogies, medical histories, and genetic samples, the genes that convey certain types of disease risk or resistance in New Guinea populations will be identified. Daniel can be reached for questions, comments and words of encouragement at dkn161@nwu.edu or by phone at x330.

SAVE THE DATE

The 1998 A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 25. The Symposium's organizers are Assistant Curators **John Bates** (Zoology, Birds) and **Pete Wagner** (Geology). More details will follow.

MUSEUM CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) will finish the cement within the next week, and will begin resurfacing the streets. This will be done at night to avoid traffic conflicts. They expect to be finished in time for the traffic of the first Bears game in the middle of August.

FIELD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Loading Dock Shrinkage -- For the next three to four weeks, the north portion of the old loading dock ramp will be removed. This will necessitate greater coordination for deliveries -- please remember to call Shipping (x287) to schedule use of the dock.

Boiler Stack Enclosure -- Removal of this enclosure has begun and will last for about four to five weeks. For several days during this period, workmen will be moving through portions of the third floor out to the freight elevator. Their carts will be covered and the area will be mopped several times each day to reduce dust.

Questions? Problems? Call **John Mazzza** (x380).

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

A Crash???

Maintain the Voice Mail System!

Please clean off your messages daily, and ask somebody else to do it if you will be away from the Museum for vacation or whatever. Remember -- when the messages pile up, the system crashes, which messes up everybody's day(s). Thanks for your cooperation.

Problems? Questions? Call **Pat Phillips** (x216)

OUTSIDE EATING GETS EASIER

Thanks to **Diane White's** efforts, we now have outside picnic tables for leisurely summer dining. Currently located on the west terrace, where they are monopolized by school groups, the tables will be moved to the grassy area on the northwest side of the Museum, where we hope staff will have greater access. We much appreciate the donation of these tables by the Chicago Park District.

Thank you!